

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page of the specification before the first paragraph (which starts at line 7), please insert the following paragraph:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Patent Application PCT/US03/10936, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD TO GENERATE AND CONTROL OPTICAL TRAPS TO MANIPULATE SMALL PARTICLES," filed April 10, 2003, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims priority to U.S. Application Serial Number 10/120,748, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD TO GENERATE AND CONTROL OPTICAL TRAPS TO MANIPULATE SMALL PARTICLES," filed April 10, 2002, now abandoned, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.